

15th September 2019
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Please submit items for the bulletin to
bulletin@lakesparish.org.au
by 10 am on Wednesdays.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

22nd September

Amos 8:4-7
1 Tim 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbours. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

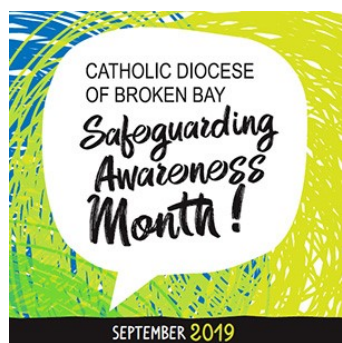
Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the centre of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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SAFEGUARDING MONTH –
inclusion is a planned and intentional activity.

To learn more about the role of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner visit www.esafety.gov.au It is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online

Liturgy of Inclusion and Care

See photos and read about our Liturgy of Inclusion and Care <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/safeguarding-month-begins-with-liturgy-of-inclusion-and-care>



STAND FOR LIFE

2:30pm to 5pm, Sunday, 15 September
Archibald Fountain Hyde Park

The NSW Parliament is about to pass an **extreme abortion** law allowing abortion on demand **until birth**

IT IS TIME TO BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. AGAIN.

STAND FOR LIFE (again) IN OPPOSITION TO THIS EXTREME ABORTION BILL!

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated again in the Legislative Council from Tuesday 17th September.

Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

Hyde Park (meet at the Archibald Fountain) Sunday 15th September 2:30 pm

Under this Bill:

- Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy;
- Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated;
- There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability;
- Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life;
- The devastating impact of abortion on women and the real needs of women facing an unplanned pregnancy have been ignored.

This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash.

This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill. We need you there. All welcome, including families.

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Diocese of Broken Bay is hosting a community forum promoting safety for people living with Disability.

Wednesday 25 September 2019

St Joseph's Hall, Killara

1:30-3:30pm



HOW BELONGING IN A COMMUNITY & BEING CONNECTED TO OTHERS PROMOTES SAFETY



Wednesday 25 September 2019
1:30pm – 3:30pm
including afternoon tea



St Joseph's Hall
Killara Immaculate
Heart of Mary
76a Fiddens Wharf Road



Free forum.
Afternoon tea
provided.

A presentation by Miranda Bruyniks, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner followed by a panel Q&A session with staff and clients.

As Complaints Commissioner for the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, Miranda is responsible for oversight of the national model for complaints and reportable incidents. Previously Miranda was Deputy Disability Services Commissioner in Victoria, where she oversaw critical incidents reported by disability service providers, the resolution of complaints, investigations, and education and information to support people with disability.

This forum is for people living with disability and their families, and for workers in the sector.

A JOINT INITIATIVE OF:



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Global Volunteering

Your professional skills can create better

opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Grass-roots organisations, clinics and schools in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how teacher **Andrew Tham** mentored both students and educators in Rubya, Tanzania, and how sharing **your skills** can **immerse you** in a **world of deep cultural discovery**. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

Palms Meet and Greet:

Saturday 21 September @ 2pm

John Street Cafe

Dooley's Catholic Club

11-17 Church St, LIDCOMBE

Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling 16-29 November.

Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333



There will be No 11.00am Mass at the War Vets on Sunday 22nd September due to the Annual Village Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival service.



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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick: Pauline Bedford, Margaret McNamara, Margaret Collins, Wendy Ochs, Tony Adrian, Berna Banister, Mandy Rossetti, Sharon Frazer, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Trish Townley and Fr Gerry Ryan.



Twilight Talks

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to Twilight Talks. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers. This month we will be focusing on and breaking open Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. Hear from a panel of young adults with some of their insights, and join in discussion around the Holy Father's latest document to young people and the Church.

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

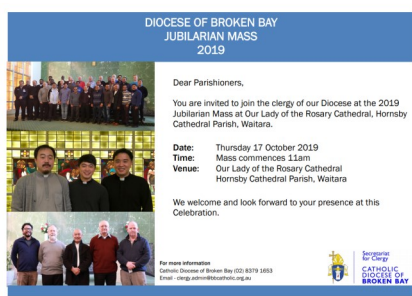
Jubilarian Mass

All parishioners are invited to celebrate with the Clergy at the Annual Jubilarian Mass.

Date: Thursday 17 October 2019

Time: 11.00am Mass

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara



Please support our Annual Catechist Memorial raffle.

Funds raised goes towards the purchase of bibles for our Year 6 Catholic students at the parish public schools. A lifetime gift for the students to take into high school and beyond. Please see one of our catechists after Mass. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. *All prize donations will be gratefully accepted at the parish office.*



Congratulations

to all the parish children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend.



Family Mass
Sunday 22nd Sept
6.00pm St Rose Church
All Welcome!



Parish Pastoral Council

I would like parishioners to consider if they wish to be on the new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). PPCs are one of the structures strongly recommended by the Bishops of the Second Vatican Council. The PPC is to assist the parish priest and the parish community in the Church's apostolic work in the field of making the Gospel known. PPCs witness to the basic equality of dignity of all members by reason of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, highlighting the role of all to share in the Saving mission of Jesus. During the Easter Season our readings focused on the Acts of the Apostles and the growth of the Early Church after the Resurrection. It is a good time for our parish to look at how we grow our parish. So if you feel that is an appropriate way for you to focus your talents in the parish, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details. I will have a gathering of those interested to open up more as to what the PPC can do for the parish and the commitment it will involve.

Fr Robert



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What's Happening at The Lakes

See parish calendar on website www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-calendar

BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY

ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH?

If you are new to The Lakes Parish, WELCOME. Please provide your details on the 'Parishioner Information Form' available in church foyers or go to:

<http://www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-registration>

Already registered? Please let us know if you:

- Have changed address.
 - Welcomed a new child into the family.
 - Would like to support our Parish and join our Planned Giving program.
 - Plan to enrol your child in one of our Parish Schools.
 - If you require a reference for high school.
- Privacy laws requires the Parish Priest to have met with the family prior to completing the reference request. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

MINISTERS NEEDED

Our parish is in need of more ministers.

We could do with many more Altar Servers and Acolytes.

We are also in need of Ministers of Communion and Readers. Our ministries show us that we are called by our baptism to participate in the liturgical life of our parish.

If you would like to become actively involved in our parish, please consider joining one of our ministries. You will be rostered on usually once per month. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information on the various ministries you could be involved in. parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au



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Liturgical Calendar (Subject to Change)

Next Week - Weekday Masses and Devotions

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 16-9- 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:30am
Tue, 17-9-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:00pm
Wed, 18-9- 2019	Mass - St Rose - Yr 4 - Fr Robert	9:30am
Wed, 18-9- 2019	Mass - Elizabeth Jenkins - Fr Robert	11:00am
Thu, 19-9- 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	9:30am
Fri, 20-9- 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:30am
Sat, 21-9- 2019	Morning Prayer & Rosary - St Joseph	8:30am
Sat, 21-9 2019	Mass, Adoration, Penance - Anoint Sick - SJ - RB	9:30am

Next Week Other Events

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 16-9- 2019	Kidsgroup - LPH	9:30am
Mon, 16-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Mon, 16-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm
Mon, 16-9- 2019	Community Prayer Evening - SJ	7:30pm
Wed, 18-9- 2019	Tai Chi Group - LPH	11:00am
Wed, 18-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Thu, 19-9-2019	The Gatherers - LPH	11:00am
Thu, 19-9-2019	Dance Group - LPH	7:30pm
Fri, 20-9- 2019	Men's Connect Group - H2O Cafe	9:00am
Fri, 20-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Fri, 20-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm

Next Sunday Masses

Date	Title	Time
Sat, 21-9-2019	Vigil Mass - St Joseph - Baptism - Fr Robert	5:30pm
Sun, 22-9-2019	Mass - St Rose - Fr Robert	8:00am
Sun, 22-9 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	9:30am
Sun, 22-9- 2019	No Mass - War Vets (Harvest Festival)	11:00am
Sun, 22-9- 2019	Mass - St Rose - Fr Robert	6:00pm



Safeguarding Children

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM..."Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13



To report concerns or complaints please contact a member from the Diocesan Safeguarding and Child Protection team.

Office for Safeguarding (Chancery)
02 8379 1605
safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
<http://www.bbcatholic.org.au>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

Politicians, Scientists and Economists. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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